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Cont. 8 26. The device according to claim 20, wherein the coding and marking system is arranged within the object in one or more discrete zones.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 19-26 are in the application. Claims 10-18 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112 and under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the IDS prior art.

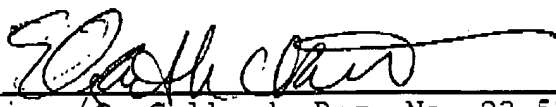
Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant has canceled original claims 10-18 and has added new claims 19-26. New claim 19 is a combination of original claims 10, 11 and 16, and new claim 20 is a combination of original claims 10, 12 and 16. Claims 21-26 correspond to original claims 13-15, with one set depending from each of independent claims 19 and 20.

None of the cited references disclose a system for coding and marking conveyor belts and conveyor belt connections made of plastic, rubber or material similar to rubber, as claimed in the new claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that new claims 19-26

are patentable over the prior art, taken either singly or in combination. Early allowance of the new claims is respectfully requested.

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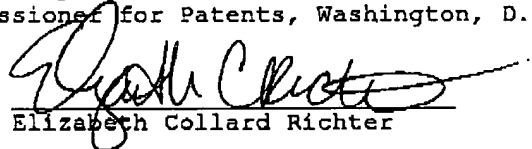
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